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Responsive to the Official Action dated August 8, 2003, the applicants elect, with traverse, the subject matter of the Examiner's Group I with a further election of FhaB ORF. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are requested as examination of at least all of the indicated open reading frames would not be, with due respect, an undue burden on the Examiner.


An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

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